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**Washington, DC 20515**

**March 15, 2006**

**The Honorable Ralph Regula  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health  
and Human Services and Education  
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**Dear Chairman Regula:**

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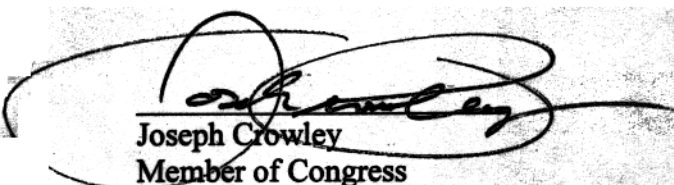
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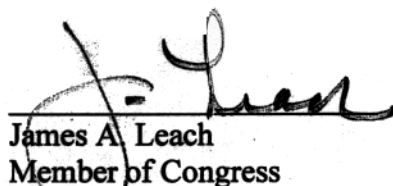
While Title X is one of the nation's best and most cost-effective public health success stories, federal funding is insufficient to meet the enormous need for publicly-supported contraceptive services. Without additional funding clinics will be unable to both meet the increasing demand for health services and provide the quality preventive care that is their trademark. For example, Title X sites are well-situated to provide the rapid HIV tests and chlamydia screening that the Administration has highlighted as key public health priorities however the dwindling federal public health dollars make these costly services difficult to provide.

We are mindful of the many competing budget priorities, however, we urge you to invest in programs like Title X that promote public health and at the same time save scarce public health dollars. ***For every public dollar invested in family planning, three dollars are saved in Medicaid costs for pregnancy and newborn care alone.*** Please include Title X among your list of funding priorities and request \$375 million in funding in FY 2007 as a minimal investment in basic health care for low-income women. Thank you for your consideration.

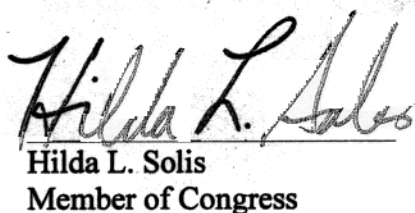
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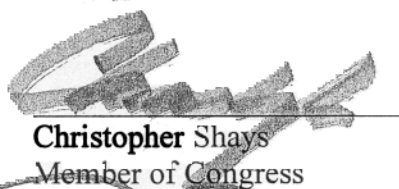
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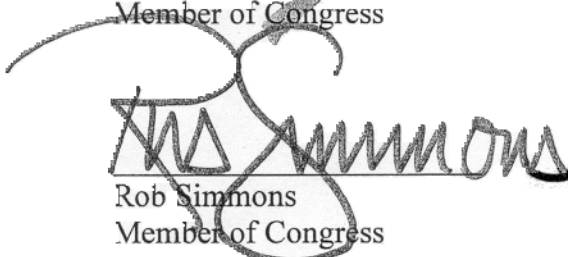
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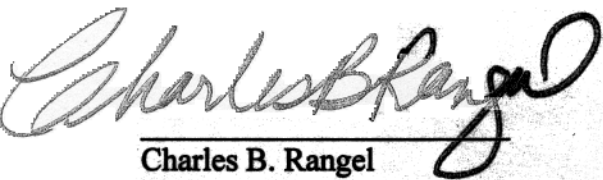
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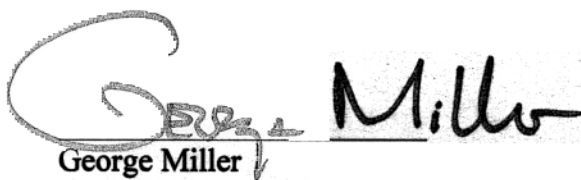
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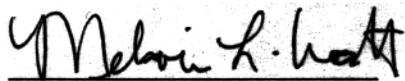
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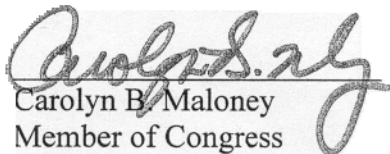
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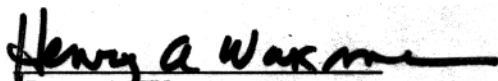
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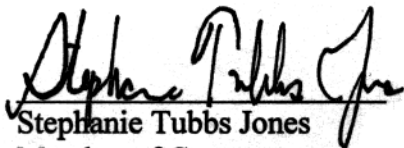
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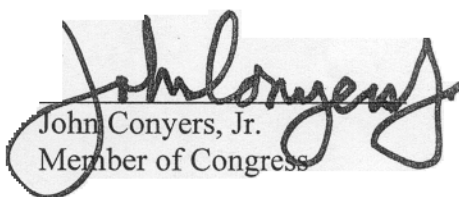
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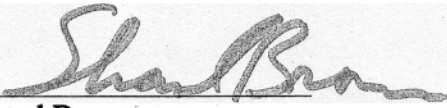
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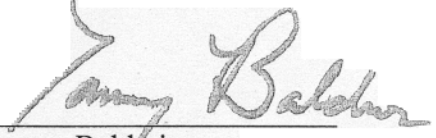
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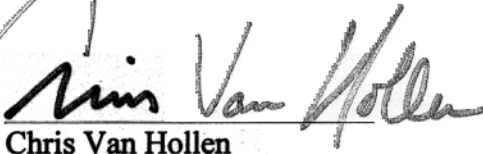
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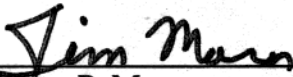
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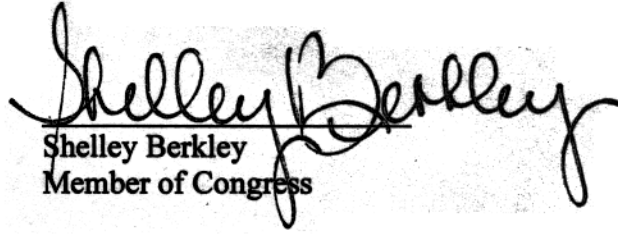
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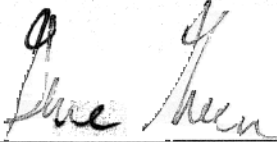
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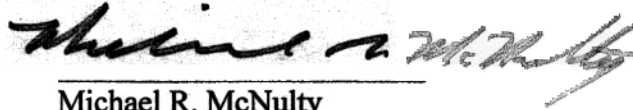
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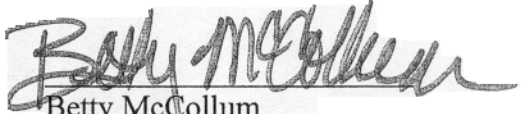
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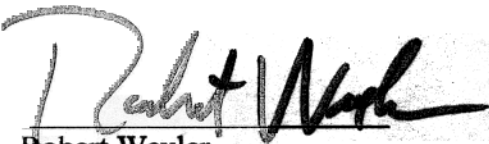
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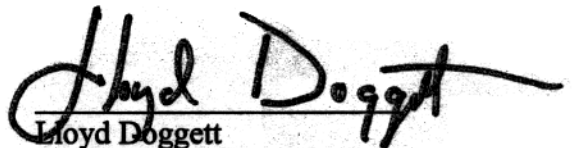
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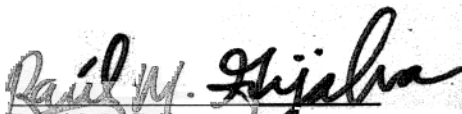
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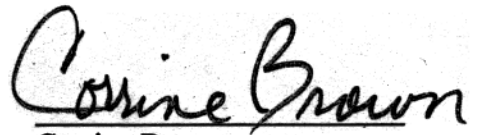


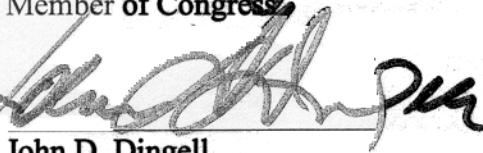
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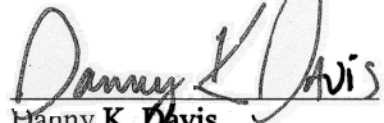


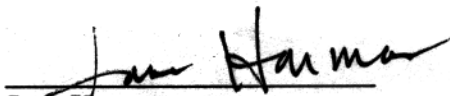
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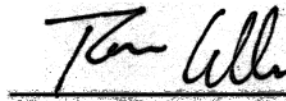
  
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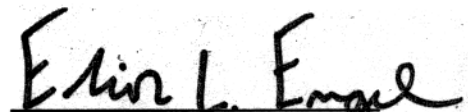
  
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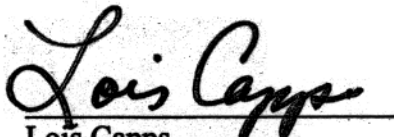
  
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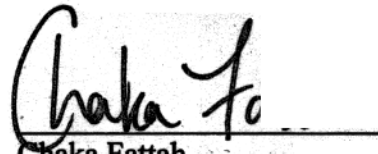
  
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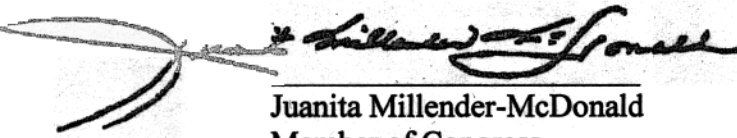
  
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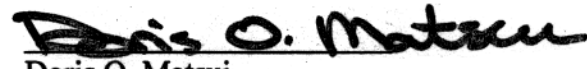
  
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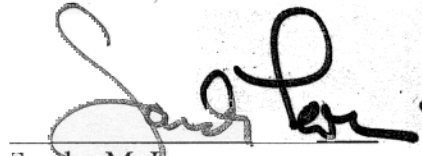
  
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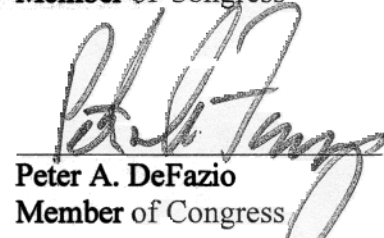
  
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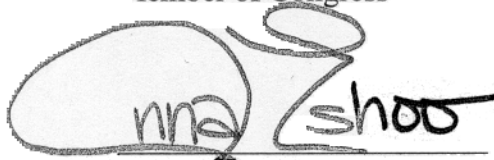
  
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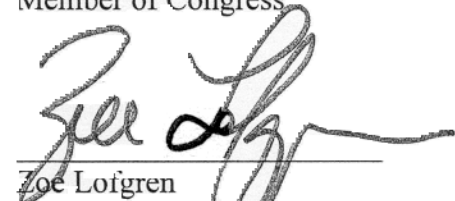
  
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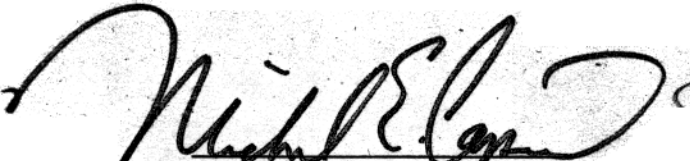
  
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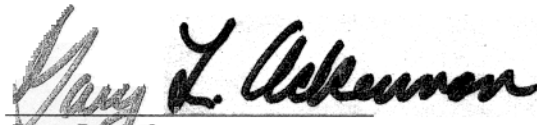
  
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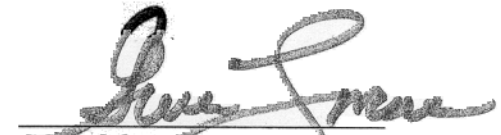


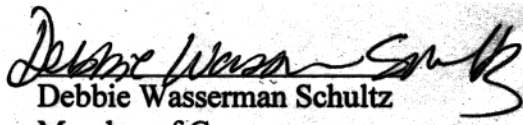
  
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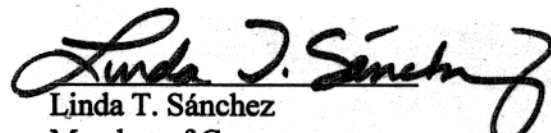
  
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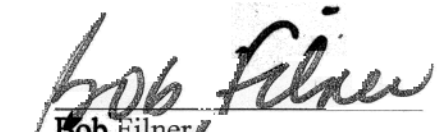
  
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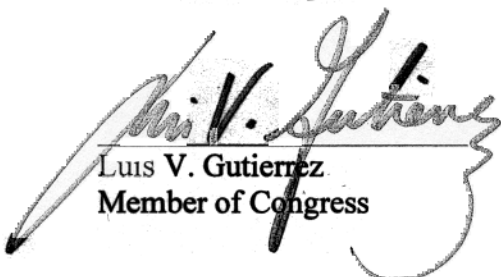
  
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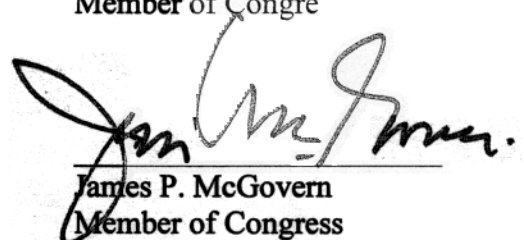
  
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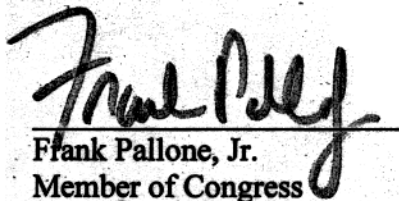
  
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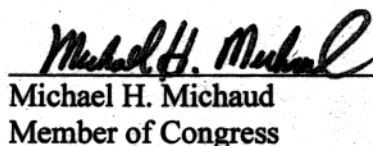
  
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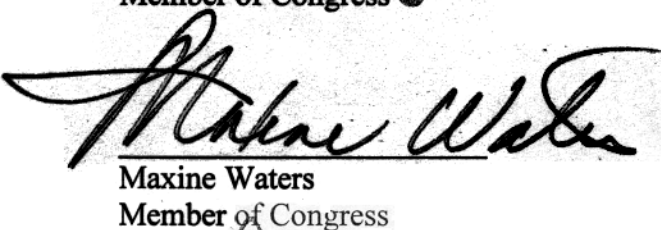
  
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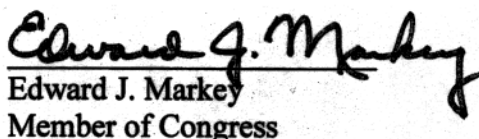
  
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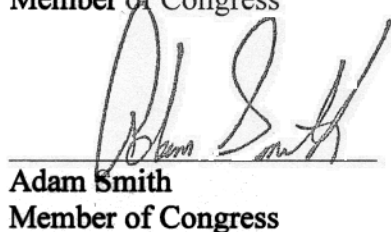


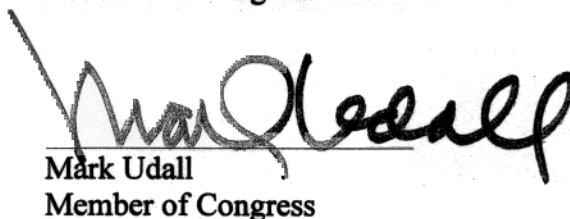
  
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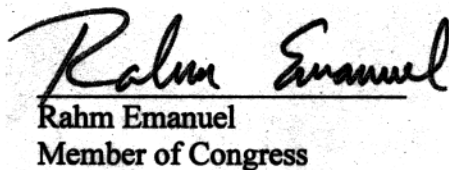
  
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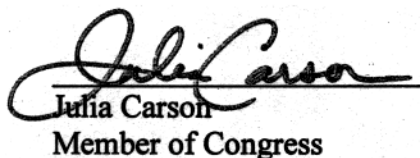
  
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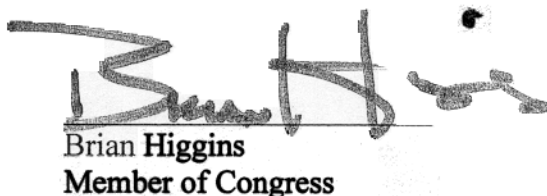
  
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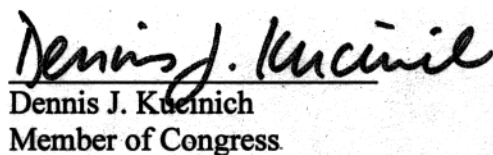
  
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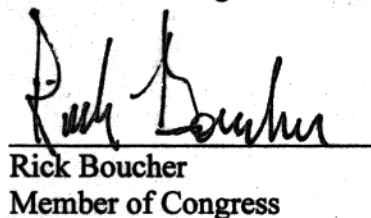
  
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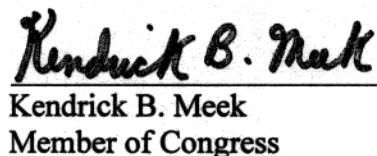
  
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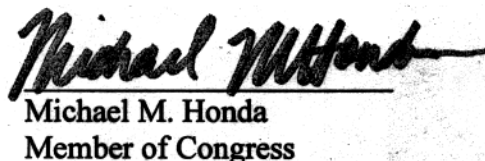
  
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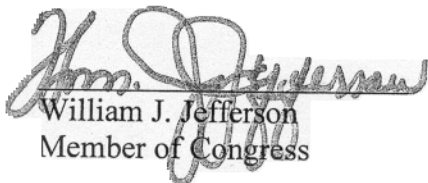
  
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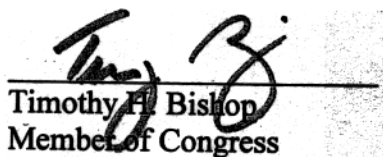
  
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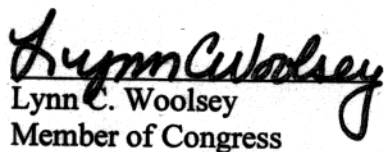
  
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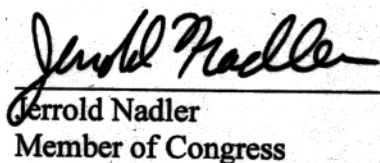
  
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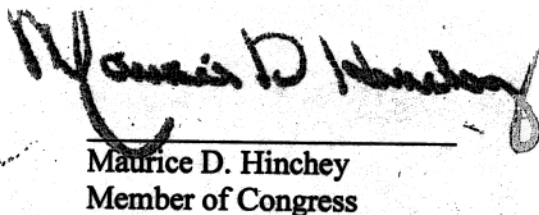
  
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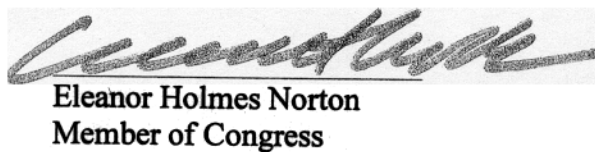
  
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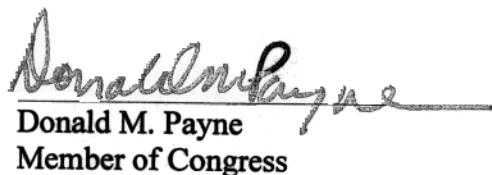
  
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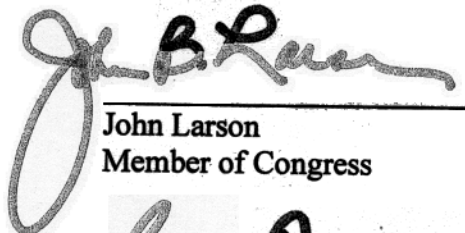
  
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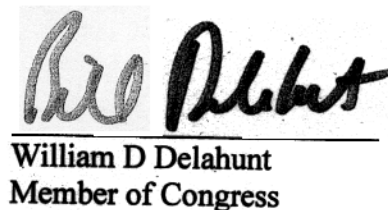
  
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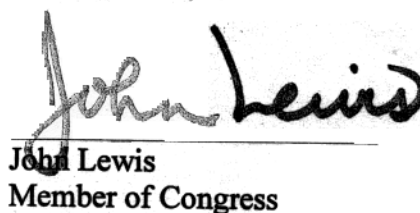
  
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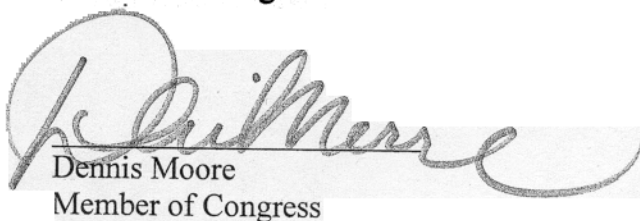
  
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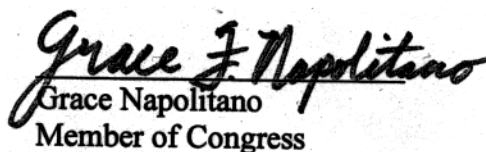
  
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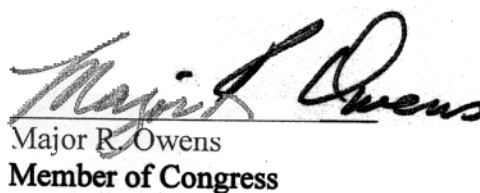
  
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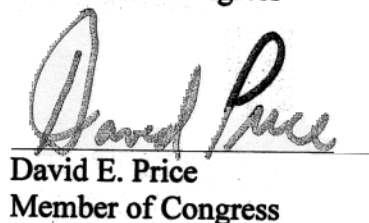
  
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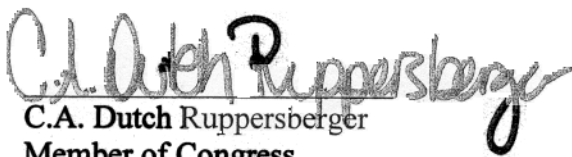
  
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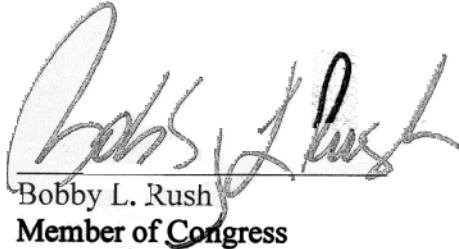
  
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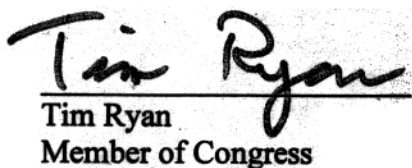
  
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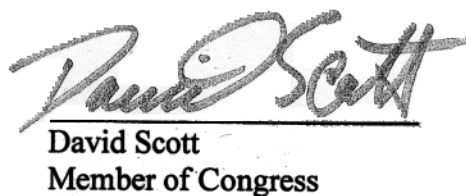
  
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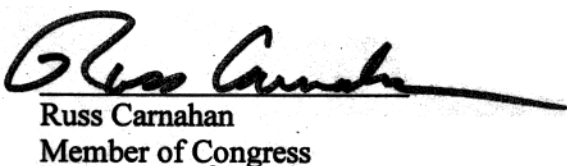
  
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